

Midwest Corn Pollination Prospects

The Progressive Farmer/DTN ~ July, 2010

As the majority of the U.S. corn crop heads toward the critical pollination phase, a weather pattern featuring warm -- not hot -- temperatures along with abundant soil moisture favors Midwest Corn pollination prospects. In fact, the week ending June 13 in Iowa was the wettest week statewide since 2008 with a statewide average rainfall of 3.22 inches, almost three times the normal weekly amount.

There were two very interesting things that happened in April and May. First, there was heavy snowfall before the ground froze. Once the snow melted, producers didn't have to worry about the frost leaving the ground. And second, soil temperatures rebounded quickly after the snow melt; producers did not have to wait for the ground to warm up. Such a fast start is reflected in growing degree day totals, which rapidly accumulated during the first few weeks of the growing season.

There is some concern that the late spring, early summer trend toward wet weather may cause delayed crop development in the upper Midwest. The big question is whether there will be enough growing degree days for crops to develop adequately.

As to the corn market's true rally potential during pollination, despite the favorable Midwest outlook, Analyst's say, corn demand is strong enough to keep some weather premium in the market.

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IA Dept of Ag and Land Stewardship

Reminder ~ Iowa Dept Agriculture and Land Stewardship ~ June, 2010

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship provides a web site with current events and how to articles covering a variety of agricultural interests. For example, if you need a quick how-to on Grain measurement, you will find formulas and rules-of-thumb on the [Grain Warehouse Measurement page](#).

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IBM - New Technology

IBM ~ Unveils the New POWER7 Systems ~ May 3, 2010

Check out the IBM web site for news on the future of the POWER server architecture. The new POWER7™ system is designed to manage the most demanding emerging applications. The new systems can deliver four times the performance and four times the virtualization capability for the same

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Legislation - Iowa's Grain Indemnity Fund

Agribusiness Association of Iowa ~ New Law ~ March 22, 2010

Governor Culver signed into law Senate File 2299, a bill that updates Iowa's Grain Indemnity Fund (GIF) and holds all participants accountable. The bill signed into law creates a more relevant and equitable assessment formula, if the GIF is subjected to significant liability or default. Every bushel that could pose a liability for the Iowa GIF will now be counted if an assessment were necessary.

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